## Real Estate Tax Exemption Surviving Spouse of Veteran Killed in Action

Dear Surviving Spouse,

For the tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2015, the General Assembly hereby exempts from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action as determined by the United States Department of Defense, who occupies the real property as his principal place of residence. State code limits the real property tax exemption as average assessed value. You are not eligible for this tax exemption if you have remarried. The City of Norfolk set forth in the city ordinance that this shall be in effect from and after July 1, 2015.

In order to apply, the surviving spouse must provide the following:

- 1. Completed and signed Surviving Spouse of Veteran Killed in Action application
- 2. Attach documentation from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (or its successor agency pursuant to federal law) that verifies the veteran was killed in action, as determined by the U.S. Department of Defense. (Exemption cannot be processed without this documentation.)
- 3. Attach a copy of the veteran's death certificate.
- 4. Attach of copy of marriage license.

If you wish to schedule an appointment you may do so by calling (757) 823-1130 or you may pickup an application at the Park Place Multi-Service Center, Department of Human Services 606 W. 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Norfolk, VA 23508.

Real Estate Tax Relief City of Norfolk